

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Claims 1-30 (canceled)

Claim 31 (previously presented): An oil pan assembly, comprising:

- a) an engine component having an associated first mating surface and including one or more cutout portions formed on an interior portion of the engine component;
- b) a molded plastic oil pan having an associated second mating surface and one or more integrally formed clips adjacently formed interior to said second mating surface, wherein said one or more integrally formed clips are adapted to align said molded plastic oil pan with said engine component when engaged with said one or more cutout portions formed on said engine component; and
- c) an adhesive in contact with said first mating surface and said second mating surface for joining said first component and said oil pan to define an oil pan assembly.

Claim 32 (canceled)

Claim 33 (canceled)

Claim 34 (previously presented): The oil pan assembly of claim 31, wherein said adhesive is a cure on demand adhesive that cures upon application of a separate operation.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The oil pan assembly of claim 31, wherein said first mating surface and said second mating surface are generally planar.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The oil pan assembly of claim 31, wherein said oil pan is a blend of a polyamide and a syndiotactic polystyrene.

Claim 37-45 (canceled)

Claim 46 (previously presented): The oil pan assembly of claim 31, wherein said oil pan further comprises an additional layer.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The oil pan assembly of claim 46, wherein said additional layer is a plasma coating on said oil pan.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The oil pan assembly of claim 31, wherein the first, second or both mating surfaces includes a primer.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The oil pan assembly of claim 31, wherein the resulting joint has a strength greater than the strength of said molded plastic oil pan.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The oil pan assembly of claim 49, wherein the oil pan includes reinforcement ingredients adapted to improve tensile strength of the oil pan.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The oil pan assembly of claim 50, wherein said first mating surface and said second mating surface are non-planar.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The oil pan assembly of claim 51, wherein the non-planar surface includes butt joints, lap joints or tongue in groove joints.